

## **Sign Requirements, Allowances, and Calculations:**

- Setbacks for sign placement are measured from the property line, not the edge of pavement. If a parcel has multiple frontages, then the parcel has multiple front setbacks.
- No more than two identification signs per property are allowed, with only one of which being separated from the principal building. Additional signs may be allowed in the commercial and industrial zoning districts.
- The height of a sign is measured from the base of the sign at normal average grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign.
- The sign area is computed as the area of any design, background, or display; frames or supports are not computed in sign area.
- The total area of a double-faced sign is calculated based on the area of one sign face only. The sign area of "V" shaped signs with two sides or faces is the sum of the areas of the two sign faces.
- Clear sight triangles shall be maintained at all street intersections for a minimum of 50 feet as measured along the curb or pavement edge. No free-standing signs shall be allowed in the clear sight triangle.

## **About Planning & Development Services:**

The Oldham County Planning & Development Services office is a land use agency created by local government to guide the county's physical development. To achieve this, the Planning & Development Services office prepares long range plans to provide for balanced growth, reviews development proposals for compliance with locally adopted plans and regulations, monitors development activity, and requires conformance through property code enforcement.

### **Mission Statement:**

The Oldham County Planning and Development Services Department provides exceptional customer service while furnishing advice and technical expertise to assist:

- Citizens
- Public agencies, and
- Elected and appointed officials

Our department serves the community with integrity and high ethical and professional standards.

Our department focuses our efforts on a long term commitment to:

- Economic Vitality
- Environmental Integrity; and
- Quality Design and Development

## **SIGN PERMITS**



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### Definitions of Some Types of Signs Permitted:

**Banner:** Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to a pole, a wall or a building at one or more edges.

**Free-Standing Sign:** Any non moveable sign not affixed to a building. Freestanding signs may include pole signs, ground signs, billboard signs, bench signs, monument signs, off-premise signs, and on premise signs.

**Monument Sign:** A free-standing business sign with a base width of at least eighty percent of the width of the sign cabinet or sign face.

**Projecting Sign:** A sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a building for support and that projects more than twelve inches from such building. Projecting signs may include hanging signs, suspended signs, awning signs, canopy signs and marquee signs.

**Roof Sign:** A sign that is displayed above the eave, parapet or deck line of a roof and under the peak of a building or roof.

**Wall Sign:** A sign fastened to or painted on the wall of a building or structure.

**On-Premise Sign:** Any sign identifying or advertising a business, person, activity, goods, products, or services located on the premises where the sign is installed and maintained.

**Off- Premise Sign:** A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located.

### Definitions of Some Types of Signs Not Permitted:

**Above-roof Sign:** A sign displayed above the peak or parapet of a building.

**Flashing Sign:** Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign that exhibits changing natural or artificial light or color effects by any means whatsoever.

**Portable Sign:** A sign that is not permanent, affixed to a building, structure, or the ground.

**Snipe Sign:** Any sign, whether attached in any way to a utility pole, tree, traffic control device, or any object, or the ground, or otherwise situated either on public property without the consent of the appropriate public body, or on private property without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof.

**Vehicle Sign:** Any sign on a vehicle not customarily and regularly used to transport persons or properties.

### How to obtain a sign permit:

A sign permit shall be obtained prior to the construction or erection of any allowable sign and the fee will be required in conjunction with said application. The following information shall be included along with the application at the time of submittal:

- Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.  
Name, address and signature of the owner of property on which the sign is to be located.
- The location, size, height and type of each existing sign to remain on the property.
- A site plan of the property on which the sign is to be erected showing property lines, existing structures, right-of-way lines and proposed location of the sign.
- A drawing of the proposed sign showing display area dimensions, height of sign, and information to be conveyed on sign.
- The estimated cash value of the sign.
- **Sign permit fee:**  
**\$2 per square foot;**  
**minimum charge \$50.**